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<p>(54) Title: FOOD PRODUCT</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>Food products containing isoflavones and calcium are taught where the weight ratio of isoflavones to calcium is from 1 to 2 to 1 to 50.</p>			

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Food Product

Technical Field of the Invention

5 The invention relates to food products and methods of preparation of food products. In particular to food products containing one or more isoflavone compounds.

Background to the Invention

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Isoflavones have been proposed as ingredients for food and/or pharmaceutical products.

For example WO 98/08503 (Novogen Research) mentions the use of certain
15 isoflavone compounds in therapeutic uses, methods, compounds, formulations,
and drinks and foodstuffs.

WO 96/10341 (Schouten Industries) discloses food or health products comprising substantially pure hypocotyls of the seeds of Glycine max.

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WO 93/23069 (Kelly) discloses health supplements comprising a health supplementary amount of a phyto-estrogen selected from genistein, daidzein, biochanin A, and/or formononetin.

25 Despite the fact that isoflavones have been suggested to have a positive effect on various health effects, the actual marketing of food products supplemented with isoflavones has up till now not taken place on a large scale.

One of the problems in formulating food products with isoflavones is that it is often difficult to find product formulations which on the one hand provide the desired health benefits and on the other hand can fairly easily be formulated at a reasonable cost. A further problem in the formulation of food products with 5 isoflavones is that on the one hand -for cost and taste reasons- a relatively low level of supplemented ingredients is preferred while on the other hand it is desirable to have a level which leads to an appropriate bioavailability in the human body.

- 10 Furthermore consumers these days have a clear preference for food products which form part of their common food habits and which, in themselves, have a clear contribution towards a healthy diet by which no longer additives or a special diet needs to be taken.
- 15 WO 98/4248 describes dietary supplements comprising 15 or more ingredients, said dietary supplement being formulated as a tablet, capsule, powder, gel or liquid or dietary bar and preferably formulated for once daily administration.

The present invention aims to provide food products which are part of the 20 common diet and which comprise isoflavones and calcium in amounts sufficient to provide balanced and advantageous health benefits to consumers, especially to middle aged women aged 35 to 65. By this invention, the consumer need not alter their daily consuming habits, while the risk towards various diseases for example osteoporosis and/or menopausal syndrome and/or hot flushes and/or 25 cardiovascular disease and/or breast cancer and/or migraine can be reduced by the intake of the food product.

It has now been found that one or more of the above problems can be solved if a food product is prepared which contains isoflavones in combination with Calcium; whereby the ingredients are used in specific amounts.

5 **Summary of invention**

Accordingly the present invention relates to a food product comprising isoflavones and calcium, wherein the weight ratio of isoflavones to calcium is from 1 to 2 to 1 to 50.

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The invention also relates to a method of preparing a food product whereby one or more isoflavones and one or more calcium salts are included in the product.

Preferably food products of the invention are part of the normal daily diet, for
15 example margarines or other spreads or oil based products, bakery products, dairy products e.g. yoghurt, cheese and milk-based drinks, beverages e.g. soft drinks, fruit juices and tea and coffee based drinks, sauces especially dressings and mayonnaise and confectionery products e.g. frozen confectionery products such as water-ice or ice-cream.

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Detailed description of the invention

Isoflavones belong to the class of flavonoids. Examples of isoflavones are given in the Figure. R1 and R2 may vary independently, but are usually hydrogen or
25 hydroxyl. Examples of further isoflavone compounds are given in WO 98/8503.

Preferred isoflavones for use in the present invention have anti-oxidant properties. In this context it is preferred that the isoflavones comprise at least one hydroxy substituent, more preferred 2 to 4 hydroxy groups. Examples of preferred

isoflavones are given in formula (1) to (19) of WO 98/8503, especially preferred isoflavones are Daidzein, Genistein, dihydrodaidzein and dihydrogenistein.

Isoflavones can be produced chemically or can be isolated from natural sources
5 e.g. plants. Especially suitable is the isolation of isoflavones from plants for example from linseed, lentils, beans, chickpeas, green peas and soya. Most preferred is to use isoflavones which have been isolated from soya.

Food products according to the invention comprise isoflavones and calcium,
10 wherein the weight ratio of isoflavones to calcium is from 1 to 2 to 1 to 50, more preferred 1 to 3 to 1 to 30, most preferred from 1 to 5 to 1 to 14.

Typical amounts of isoflavones in the food product can suitably be adapted to the desirable intake and the average size of a serving. Preferably the level of
15 isoflavone is chosen such that a normal serving of the food product comprises 1 to 200 milligrams of isoflavone, more preferred 2 to 100 milligrams, especially preferred 4 to 40 milligrams, most preferred 5 to 15 milligrams. Typical sizes of a single serving are given below.

20 Isoflavones may be added in their glycosylated form (which is often their natural form) or may advantageously be added as an aglycone. For the purpose of the invention the weight of the isoflavone refers to the isoflavone as if in aglycone form.

25 Typical amounts of calcium in the food product are 2 to 50 times the amount of isoflavone, more preferred 3 to 30 times, most preferred 5 to 14 times. Taking into account this ratio in combination with the desirable intake of calcium and the average size of serving the absolute level of calcium in the food product may be determined. Preferably the level of calcium is chosen such that its weight ratio to

the amount of isoflavone is as above and also that a normal serving of the food product comprises 100 to 2000 milligram of calcium, more preferred 110 to 1000 milligram, especially preferred 120 to 500 milligram, most preferred 120 to 200 milligram.

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In this context it should be noted that some food products, e.g. dairy products already contain calcium as one of their ingredients, to these products generally calcium will be added to increase the total level into the desired range.

- 10 Calcium may be added in any suitable form, but generally an edible salt of calcium will be used. For some products, for example products to prepare tea based beverages, it is especially preferable if a calcium salt is used which is relatively water soluble to allow incorporation into the food product and uptake of the calcium in the human tract. Examples of preferred calcium salts are calcium maleate, calcium tartrate, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, calcium acetate, especially preferred are calcium lactate and calcium gluconate. For other products, for example margarine or other spreads, it may be advantageous to use calcium salts which may form small crystals in the product for example calcium carbonate or calcium phosphate salts such as calcium tripolyphosphate.
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- The invention may usefully be applied to a variety of food products. Especially preferred are the use in food products which tend to be part of the daily diet. These products can suitably be used for repeated and regular dosage of the combination of isoflavones and calcium over prolonged periods and therewith provide good health benefits.
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Examples of preferred food products are margarines or other spreads or oil based products, bakery products, dairy products e.g. yoghurt, cheese and milk-based drinks, beverages e.g. soft drinks, fruit juices and tea and coffee based

drinks, sauces especially dressings and mayonnaise and confectionery products e.g. frozen confectionery products such as water-ice or ice-cream. Especially preferred is the use in food products selected from the group of margarines and other spreads, tea based beverages, dressings and frozen confectionery

5 products.

Food products according to the invention are advantageously recommended for use by women of the age of 35 to 65. A typical recommended diet may involve the administering of 2- 100 servings of products of the invention per week, more 10 preferred 5-50 per week. This, of course, depends on the amount of isoflavone and calcium in the product. Especially preferred is the use of one or more products of the invention in amounts such that per week on average 20 to 1000 mg of isoflavones is consumed via products of the invention, more preferred 50 to 500 mg, most preferred 70 to 500 mg.

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For margarine or other spreads the number of servings (about 14 grams) advantageously is 5- 25 per week, for example 10-20. For frozen confectionery products the number of servings (about 66 grams) advantageously is 2-14, more preferred 3-10. For tea based products (about 250 ml) the number of servings is 20 preferably 5 to 45 per week, more preferred 10 to 30. For dressings or mayonnaise the number of servings (about 30 g) is advantageously 2-40 per week, more preferred 5-20 per week.

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The invention will now be further illustrated by the description of suitable embodiments of the preferred food products. It is believed to be well within the ability of the skilled person to use the teaching provided therewith to prepare other products of the invention.

Margarines and other spreads

Typically these are oil in water or water in oil emulsions, also spreads which are substantially fat free are covered. Typically these products are spreadable and

- 5 not pourable at the temperature of use e.g. 2-10 C. Fat levels may vary in a wide range e.g. full fat margarines with 60-90 wt% of fat, medium fat margarines with 30-60 wt% of fat, low fat products with 10-30 wt% of fat and very low or fat free margarines with 0 to 10 wt% of fat.
- 10 The fat in the margarine or other spread may be any edible fat, often used are soybean fat, rapeseed oil, sunflower oil and palm oil. Fats may be used as such or in modified form e.g. hydrogenated, esterified, refined etc. Other suitable oils are well known in the art and may be selected as desired.
- 15 Examples of spreads other than margarines are cheese spreads, sweet spreads etc.

Optional further ingredients of spreads may be emulsifiers, colourants, vitamins, preservatives, emulsifiers, gums, thickeners etc. The balance of the product will

- 20 normally be water.

A typical size for an average serving of margarine or other spreads is 14 grams. Preferred isoflavone levels in the margarine or spread are 0.007 to 1.5 wt%, more preferred 0.015 to 0.7 wt%, especially preferred 0.03 to 0.3 wt%, most preferred 25 0.035 to 0.1 wt%. Preferred calcium levels are 0.7 to 15 wt%, more preferred 0.8 to 7 wt%, especially preferred 0.85 to 3.5 wt%, most preferred 0.85 to 1.5 wt%.

Frozen Confectionery Products

For the purpose of the invention the term frozen confectionery product includes milk containing frozen confections such as ice-cream, frozen yoghurt, sherbet, 5 sorbet, ice milk and frozen custard, water-ices, granitas and frozen fruit purees.

Preferably the level of solids in the frozen confection (e.g. sugar, fat, flavouring etc) is more than 3 wt%, more preferred from 10 to 70wt, for example 40 to 70 wt%.

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Ice-cream will typically comprise 2 to 20 wt% of fat, 0 to 20 wt% of sweeteners, 2 to 20 wt% of non-fat milk components and optional components such as emulsifiers, stabilisers, preservatives, flavouring ingredients, vitamins, minerals, etc, the balance being water. Typically ice-cream will be aerated e.g. to an 15 overrun of 20 to 400 %, more general 40 to 200 % and frozen to a temperature of from -2 to -200 C, more general -10 to -30 C. Ice-cream normally comprises calcium at a level of about 0.1 wt%.

A typical size of an average serving of frozen confectionery material is 66 grams.
20 Preferred isoflavone levels in the frozen confectionery are 0.0015 to 0.3 wt%, more preferred 0.003 to 0.15 wt%, especially preferred 0.006 to 0.06 wt%, most preferred 0.008 to 0.025 wt%. Preferred calcium levels are 0.15 to 3 wt%, more preferred 0.17 to 1.5 wt%, especially preferred 0.18 to 0.75 wt%, most preferred 0.18 to 0.3 wt%.

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Tea Based Products

For the purpose of this invention the term tea based products refers to products containing tea or tea replacing herbal compositions e.g. tea-bags, leaf tea, herbal

tea bags, herbal infusions, powdered tea, powdered herbal tea, ice-tea, ice herbal tea, carbonated ice tea, carbonated herbal infusions etc.

Typically some tea based products of the invention may need a preparation step

5 shortly before consuming, e.g. the making of tea brew from tea-bags, leaf tea, herbal tea bags or herbal infusions or the solubilisation of powdered tea or powdered herbal tea. For these products it is preferred to adjust the level of isoflavones and calcium in the product such that one serving of the final product to be consumed has the desired levels of isoflavones and calcium as described

10 above.

For ice-tea, ice herbal tea, carbonated ice tea, carbonated herbal infusions the typical size of one serving will be 250 ml or 250 grams. Preferred levels of isoflavone in these ready-to-drink products are 0.0004 to 0.1 wt%, more

15 preferred, 0.0008 to 0.05 wt%, especially preferred 0.0016 to 0.016 wt%, most preferred, 0.002 to 0.006 wt%. Preferred levels of calcium in these ready to drink products are 0.04 to 0.8 wt%, more preferred, 0.045 to 0.4 wt%, especially preferred 0.05 to 0.2 wt%, most preferred, 0.05 to 0.08 wt%.

20 For products which are extracted to obtain the final product, generally the aim is to ensure that one serving of 250 ml or 250 grams comprises the desired amounts as indicated above. In this context it should be appreciated than normally only part of the isoflavones present in the tea based product to be extracted will eventually be extracted into the final tea drink. To compensate for

25 this effect generally it is desirable to incorporate into the products to be extracted about 2 times the amount of isoflavones as is desired to have in the extract.

For leaf tea or tea-bags typically 1-5 grams of tea would be used to prepare a single serving of 250 mls. Preferred levels of isoflavone in the tea compound of

such products would be 0.04 to 20 wt%, more preferred 0.08 to 10 wt%, especially preferred 0.16 to 5 wt%, most preferred 0.2 to 3 wt%.

Typically water soluble calcium salts would be used. Especially preferably is the
5 use of calcium lactate which provides an advantageously good taste to the
isoflavone containing tea. Preferred levels of calcium in the tea compound of
such products would be 1-40 wt%, more preferred 1.5-20 wt%, especially
preferred 2 to 15 wt%, most preferred 2.5 to 10 wt%.

10 If tea-bags are used, the isoflavone and calcium component may advantageously
be incorporated into the tea component, however it will be appreciated that for
some applications it may be advantageous to separate the isoflavone and/or the
calcium from the tea, for example by incorporating them into a separate
compartment of the tea bag or applying them onto the tea-bag paper.

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Salad Dressings or Mayonnaise

Generally dressings or mayonnaise are oil in water emulsions. The oil phase of
the emulsion generally is 0 to 80 wt% of the product. For non fat reduced
20 products the level of fat is typically from 60 to 80%, for salad dressings the level
of fat is generally 10- 60 wt%, more preferred 15-40 wt%, low or no fat dressings
may for example contain triglyceride levels of 0, 5, 10, 15% by weight.

Dressings and mayonnaise are generally low pH products having a preferred pH
25 of from 2-6.

Dressings or mayonnaise optionally may contain other ingredients such as
emulsifiers (for example egg-yolk), stabilisers, acidifiers, biopolymers, bulking
agents, flavours, colouring agents etc. The balance of the composition is water

which could advantageously be present at a level of 0.1 to 99.9 wt%, more general 20-99 wt%, most preferred 50 to 98 wt%.

A typical size for an average serving of dressings or mayonnaise is 30 grams.

5 Preferred isoflavone levels in the margarine or spread are 0.003 to 0.7 wt%, more preferred 0.007 to 0.33 wt%, especially preferred 0.003 to 0.13 wt%, most preferred 0.015 to 0.05 wt%. Preferred calcium levels are 0.3 to 7 wt%, more preferred 0.33 to 3.5 wt%, especially preferred 0.35 to 1.75 wt%, most preferred 0.35 to 0.7 wt%.

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Example I

In the following examples the source of isoflavones is SoyLife as marketed by SoyLife Nederland B.V.

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The composition of SoyLife is approximately as follows:

Ingredient	wt%
Isoflavones ¹	3%
Saponins	4%
Protein	40%
Fat	11%
Fiber	4%
Ash	5%
Carbohydrates	35%
Cholesterol	0%
Tocopherols	0.05%
α-Tocopherol	0.008%
Lecithin	2%
Water	balance

20 ¹⁾ glucosides

Novosoy obtained from Archer Daniels Midland may also be used.

The following vitamin mixes were used:

5 XR05837000 (ex Roche):

	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>wt%</u>
	Vitamin B6	2.9%
	Vitamin B ₁₂	7.8%
10	Vitamin E	72 %
	Maltodextrin	balance

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	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>wt%</u>
	Calciumlactate	73.8
	Vitamin B6	0.29%
	Vitamin B12	0.78%
	Vitamin E	7.2 %
20	Maltodextrin	balance

Example II**Margarine or other spreads**

5 A 40% fat spread is prepared by conventional spreads manufacturing. The composition of the product was is follows:

Ingredients	wt %
CANOLA OIL	30.6
HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN OIL	8.8
LECITHIN	0.2
MYVEROL 1804, EMULSIFIER	0.2
FLAVOUR	0.01
GARLIC RESIN	0.13
VITA A/ RED	0.0066
SALT	1.50
LACTIC ACID	0.08
POTASIUM SORBATE	0.10
EDTA	0.0064
PORK GELATIN	2.0
VITAMIN PREMIX, XR05837000	0.071
SOYLIFE	2.86
TRICALCIUM PHOSPHATE	1.88
OREGANO LEAF	0.50
WATER	balance

10 A typical serving of this product would be 14 grams, a suitable number of servings could be 5 to 30 per week, preferably 10-20.

If this spread is administered in effective amounts to human beings especially women aged 35-65 it is believed to result in advantageous health effects as described above.

Example III

A 40% fat spread is prepared by conventional spreads manufacturing. The composition of the product is as follows:

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Ingredient	wt %
SOYBEAN OIL	30.7
HYDROGENATED SOYBEAN OIL	8.8
LECITHIN	0.22
MYVEROL 1804, EMULSIFIER	0.22
FLAVOUR	0.0125
SALT	1.5
LACTIC ACID	0.08
POTASIUM SORBATE	0.10
EDTA	0.0064
PORK GELATIN	2.0
VITAMIN PREMIX, XR05837000	0.071
SOYLIFE	2.86
TRICALCIUM PHOSPHATE	1.88
OREGANO LEAF	0.50
WATER	balance

A typical serving size for this product would be 14 grams. Number of servings and advantageous health effects are as in Example I.

Example IV

Frozen confectionery product

5 The following ice-cream products are prepared by freezing in conventional ice-cream freezers.

<u>Product A</u> <u>Description</u>	<u>wt %</u>
MILKFAT	4.0%
NONFAT MILK	14.0%
LIQUID SUCROSE (DRY WT)	13.5%
LIQUID CORN 36 DE 80%	7.75%
ENRICH 301	1.3%
STAR VITE A(25) 8.2#/ga	0.0027%
10/12 AMBER COCOA POWDER LB	2.3%
NONFAT MILK	0.015%
SoyLife	0.50%
LIQUID SUGARED EGG YOLKS	2.87%
WATER	balance

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<u>Product B</u> <u>Description</u>	<u>wt %</u>
MILKFAT PACKAGED	4.5%
NONFAT MILK PACKAGED	14.0%
LIQUID SUCROSE (DRY WT)	14.0
LIQUID CORN 36 DE 80%	3.87%
ENRICH 301	1.3%
STAR VITE A(25) 8.2#/ga	0.0034%
NONFAT MILK PACKAGED	0.0166%
SoyLife	0.55%
WATER	Balance

Example V

Tea based products

5 Iced tea mix I

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Wt parts</u>
MALTODEXTRIN	37.1
TEA POWDER	8.7
ASPARTAME	2.6
LEMON OIL POWDER	0.95
LEMON ESSENCE POWDER	0.54
MALIC ACID	12.3
OIL COATED MALIC ACID	4.78
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	0.18
SoyLife	10.0
VITAMIN PREMIX, =XR05837000	0.30
CALCIUM LACTATE	22.5

3.3 grams of the product can advantageously be used to prepare a serving of

10 iced tea of 250 mls.

Iced tea mix II

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Wt parts</u>
MALTODEXTRIN	39.4
TEA POWDER	9.0
ASPARTAME	2.5
PEACH FLAVOR	3.6
N&A APRICOT FLAVOR	1.17
CITRIC ACID	9.05
OIL COATED CITRIC ACID	1.27
MAGNESIUM OXIDE	0.16
SoyLife	10.3
VITAMIN PREMIX, =XR05837000	0.31
CALCIUM LACTATE	23.2

Example VI

Flavored tea bag A.

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<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Parts By Weight</u>
SMOOTH BLEND TEA	40.1
HONEY FLAKES	11.6
LEMON FLAVOR	4.0
LEMON GRANULES	3.80
GLYCRRHIZIN	3.16
HONEY GRANULE FLAVOR	3.16
SoyLife	13.92
VITAMIN/MINERAL PREMIX	20.25
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4.74 grams of these are incorporated in a tea bag and used for the preparation of 250 mls of tea brew. About 50% of the soylife is extracted into the tea brew.

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Herbal tea bag B.

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Parts By Weight</u>
HIBISCUS	7.3
CHAMOMILE	31.7
CHICORY	5.7
PEACH FLAVOR GRANULES	3.17
APRICOT FLAVOR GRANULES	0.63
SoyLife	20.95
VITAMIN/MINERAL PREMIX	30.48
PH990087	

3.15 grams of these are incorporated in a tea bag and used for the preparation
15 of 250 mls of tea brew. About 50% of the soylife is extracted into the tea brew.

Herbal tea bags C.

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Parts By Weight</u>
ROSEHIPS	9.6
HIBISCUS	26.4
CHICORY ROOT	7.21
LICORICE ROOT	0.72
CITRIC ACID	1.68
ORANGE/PINEAPPLE/MANGO	3.85
ORANGE	4.81
ALMOND GRANULES	0.96
CINNAMON	2.88
ALLSPICE	2.88
SoyLife GRANULAR	15.87
VITAMIN/MINERAL PREMIX	23.08
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4.16 grams of the tea is incorporated in a tea bag and used to prepare 250 mls of tea brew.

Example VII**Caesar Dressing**

5 A dressing according to the following formulation is prepared.

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Wt Parts</u>
DISTILLED WHITE VINEGAR	2.0
CANOLA OIL	15.3
SUCROSE	7.5
GRATED ROMANO CHEESE	3.25
SODIUM CHLORIDE GRANULAR	2.2
GARLIC POWDER	3.0
ANCHOVY PASTE	1.5
BLACK PEPPER	0.5
XANTHAN GUM	0.27
PROPYLENE GLYCOL ALGINATE	0.10
BALSAMIC VINEGAR	3.07
SOYLIFE**	1.10
VITAMIN PREMIX, ROCHE XR05837000	0.033
GLUCONAL CALCIUM*	3.35
SODIUM BENZOATE GRANULAR	0.09
SORBIC ACID	0.12
EDTA	0.007
PHOSPHORIC ACID, 75% CONC.	1.0
POLYSORBATE 60	0.10
CARAMEL POWDER	0.04
Water	To 100

*Calcium gluconate 80% / Calcium Lactate 20%

**Particle size 80% through 60 U.S. sieve size.

Italian dressing

An Italian dressing according to the following formulation is prepared:

Ingredient	Parts By Weight
HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP	13.2
CANOLA OIL	15.3
RED WINE VINEGAR	1.4
SODIUM CHLORIDE GRANULAR	1.9
PHOSPHORIC ACID, 75% CONC.	1.0
XANTHAN GUM	0.25
MINCED GARLIC	0.91
BLK PEPPER MED	0.18
RICE WINE VINEGAR, 10%	6.85
SODIUM BENZOATE GRANULAR	0.085
SORBIC ACID	0.061
SoyLife**	1.1
VITAMIN PREMIX,XR05837000	0.033
GLUCONAL CAL*	3.35
EDTA	0.0066
HERB DE PROVENCE	0.19
MINCED ONION	0.19
SUGAR	2.25
ANNATTO COLOR	0.0047
WATER	To 100

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*Calcium gluconate 80% / Calcium Lactate 20%

**Particle size 80% through 60 U.S. sieve size

Example VIII

Four variations of ice cream flavors are prepared first by preparing a white mix
 5 and a chocolate mix as follows:

I. White Mix

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>% weight</u>
Milk fat	4.50
Non-fat milk solids	15.25
Liquid sugar	14.00
Liquid corn syrup	3.88
Stabilizer – guar/locust bean gum	0.15
Star vitamin A palmitate	0.0034
Roche vitamin mix:	0.015
Alpha-Tocopheryl acetate (vitamin E)	
Cyanocobalamin (vitamin B ₁₂)	
Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (vitamin B ₆)	
SoyLife (flour)	0.56
Water to 100%	~61.65

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II. Chocolate Mix

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>% weight</u>
Milk fat	4.00
Non-fat milk solids	15.25
Liquid sugar	13.47
Liquid corn syrup	7.75
Stabilizer – guar/locust bean gum blend	0.15
Cocoa powder	2.30
SoyLife (flour)	0.505
Liquid sugared egg yolks	2.87
Star vitamin A palmitate	0.0027
Roche vitamin mix:	0.0151
Alpha-Tocopheryl acetate (vitamin E)	
Cyanocobalamin (vitamin B ₁₂)	
Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (vitamin B ₆)	
Water to 100%	~53.7

The Ice Cream Flavors then use the white or chocolate mix to prepare different flavors as follows:

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	<u>Ingredients</u>	<u>% weight</u>
<u>A. French chocolate ice cream</u>	Chocolate mix Milk chocolate flakes Vanilla flavor	92.78 7.17 0.05
<u>B. Vanilla ice cream</u>	White mix Vanilla flavor	99.60 0.40
<u>C. Vanilla fudge ice cream</u>	White mix Vanilla flavor Fat free liquid fudge variegate	90.74 0.364 8.90
<u>D. Caramel praline ice cream</u>	White mix Vanilla flavor Liquid caramel variegate Praline nuts & toffee (particulate)	82.35 0.40 11.65 5.60

Example IX

10 A tea formula similar to Example VI C. is compared to a standard.

	<u>Control</u>	<u>Isoflavone</u>
Rosehips	1.8	1.2
Hibiscus	3.0	3.48
Chicory	1.0	0.9
Licorice	.09	.09
Citric acid	.18	.21
Orange and mango flavor	.84	.86
Orange flavor	.36	.60
Almond flavor	-	.12
Cinnamon	-	.36
Allspice	-	.36
SoyLife granular	1.98	1.98
Vitamins*	2.88	2.88
	12.13g	13.04g

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Testing is conducted in-house with 50 employee users of herbal tea who are acceptors of citrus flavor. Samples are evaluated hot. Panelists rate each sample on a 9 point hedonic scale for overall acceptability and select a 5 preferred sample. No significant acceptability differences are detected at the 95% confidence level (CL). Both samples are rated between "Like Slightly" and "Like Moderately". At the 90% CL, the isoflavone prototype is preferred over current production Tea.

10 **Sensory Methods:**

Sensory Approach

An in-house acceptability and preference test is conducted with a panel 15 of 50 employee users of herbal tea who are acceptors of citrus flavor. Panelists are requested to rate each sample on a 9 point hedonic scale and select a preferred sample.

Sample Presentation

20 Samples are brewed for 5 minutes and served at approximately 150°F, in labeled white Corelle cups, under white lights in the Sensory booths, using balanced orders of presentation. Samples are identified to panelists as Herbal tea.

Results

No significant acceptability differences are found between samples at the 95%
 5 Confidence level (CL). At the 90% CL, the isoflavone prototype containing
 some additional flavors is preferred over current production tea.

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TABLE I

Current Product vs. Isoflavone Containing Prototype

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Acceptability / Preference (N=50)

Sample	Mean Rating Overall Liking	Number Preferring	%
Project Eve Prototype	6.6	31	62
Citrus Almond Spice			
Benchmark sample	6.5	19	38
Current Citrus Blossom			

Acceptability Rating Scale

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1 Dislike Extremely	2 Dislike Very Much	3 Dislike Moderately	4 Dislike Slightly	5 Neither Like nor Dislike
6 Like Slightly	7 Like Moderately	8 Like Very Much	9 Like Extremely	

Example X

The tea formula of Example VI A. is compared to a standard.

	<u>Control</u>	<u>VI A.</u>
Smooth blend tea	1.9	1.9
Honey flakes	.55	.55
Lemon flavor	-	.19
Lemon granules	.18	.18
Glycyrrhizin	.15	.15
Honey granules flavor	-	.16
SoyLife	.66	.66
Vitamin pre mix*	.96	.96
	4.40g	4.75g

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 Calcium lactate 0.74
 Vitamin mix 0.1

10 Testing is conducted in-house with 50 employee users of flavored tea.

Samples are evaluated hot. Panelists rate each sample on a 9 point hedonic scale for overall acceptability and select a preferred sample. No significant acceptability differences are detected. Both samples are rated slightly above "Like Slightly". However, the isoflavone containing prototype was significantly preferred over current Honey & Lemon ($p=0.05$)

Sensory Methods:**Sensory Approach**

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An in-house acceptability and preference test is conducted with a panel of 50 employee users of flavored tea who are acceptors of honey and

lemon flavors. Panelists are requested to rate each sample on a 9 point hedonic scale and select a preferred sample.

Sample Presentation

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Samples are brewed for 3 minutes, and served at approximately 150°F, in labeled white Corelle cups under white lights in the Sensory booths, using balanced orders of presentation.

10 Results

No significant acceptability differences are found between samples, although the isoflavone sample contained more flavoring. The isoflavone prototype was significantly preferred over current production Honey & Lemon Flavored Tea.

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TABLE I
Current Product vs. Isoflavone Containing Prototype

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Acceptability / Preference (N=50)

Sample	Mean Rating Overall Liking	Number Preferring	%
Project Eve Prototype	6.3	32a*	64
Honey & Lemon			
Benchmark sample	6.3	18b	36
Current Honey & Lemon			

*Values followed by a different letter are significantly different at p=0.05.

Acceptability Rating Scale

1	2	3	4	5
Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very Much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like nor Dislike
6	7	8	9	
Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very Much	Like Extremely	

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Example XI

Examples of typical weekly amounts of products of the invention, preferably
10 administered to women of 35-65 years.

Weekly diet:

- A. 50 grams of spread of example III plus 5 servings of tea mix according to
15 example V
- B. 500 grams of ice-cream according to example IV
- C. 75 grams of the spread according to example II
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- D. 10 tea bags according to example VI
- E. 5 servings of dressing of example VII plus 250 grams of ice-cream

25 Other variations and combinations are possible, each providing within a normal diet an advantageous amount of isoflavones and calcium.

It is understood that the examples and embodiments described herein are for illustrative purposes only and that various modifications or changes in the light thereof will be suggested to persons skilled in the art and are to be included within the spirit and purview of this application and the scope of the appended claims.

Claims

1. A food product comprising isoflavones and calcium, wherein the weight ratio of isoflavones to calcium is from 1 to 2 to 1 to 50.
2. Food product according to claim 1, being part of the normal daily diet.
3. Food product according to claim 1 wherein the food product is selected from the group consisting of margarines or other spreads, tea based drinks, dressings, mayonnaise and frozen confectionery products.
4. Food product according to claim 1, wherein the isoflavones have been obtained from soy.
5. Food product according to claim 1, wherein calcium has been added to the product as an edible salt, selected from the group consisting of calcium maleate, calcium tartrate, calcium gluconate, calcium lactate, calcium acetate, calcium carbonate and calcium phosphate.
6. Food product according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of isoflavone to calcium is from 1 to 3 to 1 to 30.
7. Food product according to claim 1, wherein the level of isoflavone is chosen such that a normal serving of the food product comprises 1 to 200 milligrams of isoflavone.
8. Food product according to claim 1, wherein the level of calcium is chosen such a normal serving of the food product comprises 100 to

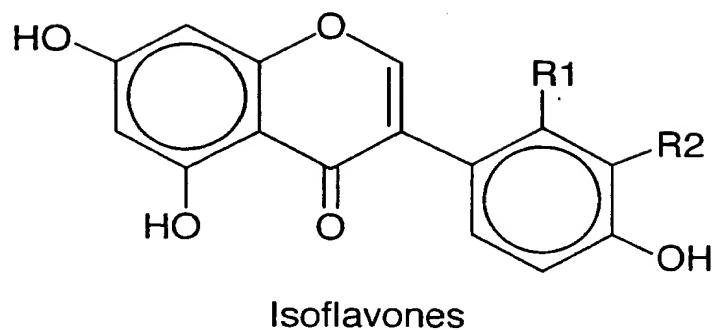
2000 milligram of calcium.

9. Food product according to claim 1, which is a margarine or other spread, wherein the isoflavone level is 0.007 to 1.5 wt%, and the calcium level is 0.7 to 15 wt%.
10. Food product according to claim 1, which is a frozen confectionery product having an isoflavone level of 0.0015 to 0.3 wt and a calcium level of 0.15 to 3 wt%.
11. Food product according to claim 1, which is a tea based beverage wherein the isoflavone level is 0.0004 to 0.1 wt% and the calcium level is 0.04 to 0.8 wt%.
12. Food product according to claim 1 which is a tea-leaf or tea-bag product comprising leaf tea wherein the isoflavone level is 0.04 to 20 wt% and the calcium level is 1 to 40 wt% based on the weight of the tea compound present in the tea-leaf or tea-bag.
13. Food product according to claim 1, which is a dressing or mayonnaise having an isoflavone level 0.003 to 0.7 wt%, and a calcium level of 0.3 to 7 wt.
14. A method for the prevention or reduction of symptoms of osteoporosis and/or menopausal syndrome and/or hot flushes and/or cardiovascular disease and/or breast cancer and/or migraine which comprises administering to a subject an effective amount of a food product according to claim 1.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein the subject is a female aged 35 to 65 years.
16. A method according to claim 13, wherein the amounts and types of products are chosen that per week on average 20 to 1000 mg of isoflavones is consumed via products according to claim 1.
17. Use of isoflavones and calcium in a weight ratio of isoflavones to calcium from 1 to 2 to 1 to 50 in the preparation of a food product for the prevention or reduction of symptoms of osteoporosis and/or menopausal syndrome and/or hot flushes and/or cardiovascular disease and/or breast cancer and/or migraine.
18. Use according to claim 17, wherein the food product is intended to be administered to females of 35 to 65 years.
19. Use according to claim 17, wherein the food product is selected from the group consisting of margarines or other spreads, tea based drinks, dressings, mayonnaise and frozen confectionery products.

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Fig. 1.



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